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Opposition No. 91162370
Opposition No. 91162469
Opposition No. 91164615
Opposition No. 91165285
Opposition No. 91165465

De Boulle Diamond & Jewelry,
Inc.

v.

De Beers LV Ltd

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

Proceedings herein are suspended pending disposition of applicant's motion to compel (filed May 31, 2006), except as discussed below. The parties should not file any paper which is not germane to the motion to compel. See Trademark Rule 2.120(e)(2).

This suspension order does **not** toll the time for either party to respond to discovery requests which had been duly served prior to the filing of the motion to compel, nor does it toll the time for a party to appear for a discovery deposition which had been duly noticed prior to the filing of the motion to compel. See *Id.* The motion to compel will be decided in due course.

It is noted that the parties have discussed entering into a protective agreement governing the exchange of confidential and proprietary information and materials. In the event that the need for such an agreement is part of the dispute, the parties are advised that the Board would most likely impose its standardized protective order, which can be found at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/>. The parties are urged to enter into their own agreement and submit such agreement for entry into the record.

If the parties resolve this dispute, which appears only to involve scheduling production of documents, while consideration of applicant's motion is pending, the Board should be so notified in a prompt manner.

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